

Please add the following claims:

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--18. The cosmetic or an external agent according to claim 16,  
wherein the dimerdiol ester is of a monocarboxylic acid having 4 to  
34 carbon atoms.

19. The cosmetic or an external agent according to claim 18,  
wherein the monocarboxylic acid comprises a branched fatty acid.

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20. The cosmetic or an external agent according to claim 18,  
wherein the monocarboxylic acid comprises a linear unsaturated  
fatty acid having 8-34 carbon atoms.

21. The cosmetic or an external agent according to claim 18,  
wherein the monocarboxylic acid comprises a rosin or a hydrogenated  
rosin.

Sub C2  
22. The cosmetic or an external agent according to claim 16,  
wherein the dimerdiol ester is of a dicarboxylic acid.

23. The cosmetic or an external agent according to claim 22,  
wherein the dicarboxylic acid comprises an acid represented by the  
following structural formula 3:



wherein n is an integer from 1 to 16.

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24. The cosmetic or an external agent according to claim 22, wherein the dicarboxylic acid comprises a dimer acid.

25. The cosmetic or an external agent according to claim 22, wherein the dimerdiol ester is obtained by an esterification reaction of a dimerdiol with a dicarboxylic acid wherein the charging ratio is from 0.2 to 1.2 mol in terms of the molar amount of a dicarboxylic acid based on the average molecular weight calculated from its acid value per 1 mol of a dimerdiol based on the average molecular weight calculated from its hydroxyl value.

26. The cosmetic or an external agent according to claim 22, wherein the weight-average molecular weight of the dimerdiol ester is from 4000 to 12000.

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27. The cosmetic or an external agent according to claim 16, which further comprises an antioxidant.

28. The cosmetic or an external agent according to claim 27, wherein the antioxidant is vitamin E.--

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